

Spouses to Teachers Program launched

The Department of Defense tasked DANTES to develop and manage a new pilot program to help spouses begin careers as teachers. The Spouses to Teachers Program was launched in September in six states with large military populations and a need for public school teachers. These states are California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas, and Virginia. Based on interest and activity, additional states may be added in the future. The primary focus of Spouses to Teachers is an information and counseling resource to help interested spouses understand the:

- requirements for state teacher certification
- routes to certification
- most critical teacher needs in the state
- financial assistance for degree completion and certification programs
- state-specific programs leading to certification
- transfer of certification from state to state

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Spouses to Teachers Office Contacts

State	Contact	Phone	E-mail
California	Mike Carlson	(916) 924-3607	mcarlson@projectpipeline.org
Colorado	Amy Sacks	1-800-438-6851	asaks@uccs.edu
Florida	Ron Burton	1-888-358-7667	troopstoteachers@fldoe.org
Georgia	Bill Kirkland	1-800-745-0709	GATroopsToTeachers@gapsc.com
Texas	Meryl Kettler	1-800-810-5484	spousestoteachers@esc13.txed.net
Virginia	Mike Melo	1-800-560-4317	mmelo@odu.edu

- assistance with locating employment opportunities

Financial assistance will also be available in the form of a reimbursable stipend to help pay for tests required as part of the certification process, such as the Praxis or state-specific examinations. An eligible spouse may receive reimbursement up to \$250. State offices will identify the specific examinations required and provide the spouse a reimbursement authorization voucher. The voucher along with verification of the cost of the examination(s) may be submitted to DANTES for reimbursement up to the maximum amount.

A Web site is available at www.spousestoteachers.com providing information that will help interested spouses answer many questions regarding a career in public education. Information links will take spouses to sites such as Recruiting New Teachers, teacher job search sites, financial aid listings, programs leading to teacher certification, tips

on locating teaching positions, interview and resume tips, and other useful topics. A DANTES Spouses to Teachers program administrator/counselor is available to provide general information at 1-800-452-1166, or e-mail inquiries to stt@voled.doded.mil.

Spouses to Teachers will operate under the Troops to Teachers program at DANTES, as well as at each of the pilot states.

Eligible spouses include:

- spouses of active duty personnel
- spouses of members of the selected Reserve and National Guard
- spouses of members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) recalled to active duty.

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Distance Learning

DANTES Independent Study Catalog news

Add the following to the schools affiliated with DANTES:

Arizona Western College

P. O. Box 929

Yuma, AZ 85366-0929

(928) 317-6000

Toll free: 1-888-293-0392

Fax: (928) 344-7730

E-mail: admissions@azwestern.edu

Internet: <http://www.azwestern.edu>

DANTES External Degree Catalog news

Add the following to the schools affiliated with DANTES:

The University of Texas at Arlington

P. O. Box 19227

Arlington, TX 76019-0227

(817) 272-7568

Fax: (817) 383-2618

E-mail: jhirtle@uta.edu

Internet: <http://www.uta.edu/coed/graduate/troops.php>

Masters of Education

Masters of Education in Teaching

Secondary Certification for Post Baccalaureates

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Program news

Accreditation Denied

American Christian College and Seminary was denied reaffirmation of accreditation and removed from membership from Transnational Association of Christian College and Schools (TRACS) a national accrediting body for Christian institutions, colleges, universities, and seminaries. Contact the DANTES Distance Learning Program at DSN 452-1085 or (850) 452-1085 if you have students enrolled in American Christian College and Seminary for options.

College of the Humanities and Sciences offers 6 new degree programs

The College of the Humanities and Sciences is a distance learning college that offers undergraduate and graduate education leading to associate, bachelor, and master degrees in the Humanities. Students at the college, with the guidance of an instructional team, design a program of study focusing on the subjects or authors that interest them. By summarizing the opposing answers of

authors to the various questions on one side of an issue or another, students define and analyze the themes of human existence that bear directly on the problems of today.

To accommodate students who want to do an in-depth study of a particular academic discipline, the College of the Humanities and Sciences is offering the following new degree programs:

- *Master of Arts in Imaginative Literature*
- *Master of Arts in Natural Science*
- *Master of Arts in Philosophy and Religion*
- *Master of Arts in Social Science*

In addition, the college is offering the *Master of Arts in Education* and the *Master of Arts in Jurisprudence*. The *Master of Arts in Education* combines classic texts with more traditional text books about education so that students acquire the breadth of knowledge that is hallmark of a liberal arts education while also exploring the educational environment of today's world. The *Master of Arts in Jurisprudence* is an interdisciplinary study of the law that explores the philosophy of law in the context of human thought and focuses on the general principles of law, its operation and function in society and comparatively across the history of Western civilization.

To speak to a Mentor at the College of the Humanities and Sciences, call (877) 248-6724, or visit their Web site at <http://www.chumsci.edu>.

Calendar

October

1	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
2	LSAT

November

15-20	GRE Subject*
20-24	Praxis*
16-18	ASE (Overseas)**
9, 16, 18	ASE (Conus)**

December

3	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
4	LSAT
13-18	GRE Subject*

January 2005

8-12	Praxis*
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Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

Reminder: The SAT Program shuts down scoring in late summer. Do not schedule SAT testing in July/August/September. See the *DEPH, SAT Chapter 3*.

**Deadline for ordering ASE exams was 17 September.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/04-05cal.doc

Quantico Marine Corps base begins on-base CLEP eCBT testing

Quantico Marine Corps Base became the first Marine Corps base and the third installation in DOD to partner with a local college to deliver computer-based CLEP eCBT testing on-base. Through the efforts of Susan McIntosh, the Command Education Officer at Quantico, and Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC),

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Susan McIntosh, Command Education Officer, Quantico

testing began in September 2004. McIntosh says, "The advantage in taking the computer-based CLEP exams over the paper-based exams is that exams are scored immediately at the end of the test. This feature will help students with planning for future course enrollments. Each CLEP exam passed saves the students time and money. It is a great investment in their education."

Avoid invalid Praxis administrations

Invalid administrations occur when a Service member takes a Praxis exam at a national test center on a Saturday **and** takes **any** Praxis exam at a DANTES Test Center during the same administrative window.

Even if different exams were administered at the two locations, Praxis will only score the first answer

sheet received and invalidate the other administration(s). Service members risk losing not only the registration and test fees but also their one-time DANTES-funded administration. **Neither Praxis nor DANTES will refund fees for invalidated administrations.**

Before ordering a Praxis exam, refer to the *DEPH* Praxis Chapter 9, "Scheduling Dates and Times," and advise students to thoroughly review the *Praxis Series Registration Bulletin*.

New ACT Assessment policy effective 1 October

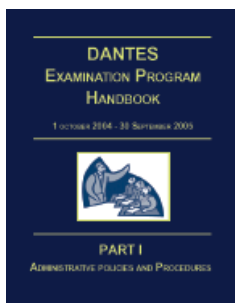
Effective 1 October 2004, DANTES Test Centers must return the 2003-2004 ACT Assessment test booklets (Form 58A) and all unused answer folders **before** ACT will ship the 2004-2005 test materials. Once the inventory is reconciled, ACT will send the Test Center's order for the 2004-2005 ACT Assessment tests (Form 60D) and answer folders for use beginning 1 November 2004.

To receive 2004-2005 materials by 1 November 2004, we recommend all Test Centers return their 2003-2004 ACT test booklets and answer folders beginning 1 October 2004 or earlier, if no ACT testing is anticipated. Remember ACT requires test booklets and unused answer folders be returned to one address and any completed answer folders and Supervisor's Report Forms to another address. See the *DEPH Part II, Chapter 2* or DANTES Document Receipt Form for the correct addresses.

Testing/Certification

2004-2005 DEPH shipped

The 2004-2005 edition of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* was shipped to DANTES Test Centers in September.



The *2004-2005 Calendar of National Testing Programs* was shipped in August.

If your center did not receive copies of these publications, please e-mail exams@voled.doded.mil, or call DSN 922-1063 or (850) 452-1063. Both publications are available online at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

Document Receipt Form most important

The Document Receipt Form, DANTES 1560/14 is one of the most important forms used by a DANTES Test Control Officer (TCO). It permits the TCO to transmit controlled examination materials to a national testing agency in a secure manner and provide documentation of receipt of materials. Failure to provide the information requested may delay transmittal and may prevent the scoring and reporting process.

The TCO must ensure the form is filled out completely and accurately before signing. The Test Center address must appear in the return address section on the back of the

white original. This allows the national testing agency to return the Test Center copy quickly.

The forms can be ordered from the DANTES Distribution Center by completing a DANTES Material Request Order Form, using the DANTES Stock Number 1213. The maximum order is 50 pads (10 sheets per pad) per 364 days. Reference the *DANTES Catalog of Materials* to order other related materials used by the TCO, or visit http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/index.htm.

DOS-version 1998 DATIP no longer supported

With the release of the DANTES Automated Test Inventory Program (DATIP) for Windows® NT 4.0, Windows® 2000 and most recently Windows® XP operating systems, the 1998 DOS-version of DATIP can no longer be supported by DANTES.

All users of the 1998 version should order the newly released version. The TCO needs to complete and submit the DATIP request form available on the Examination Program's drop-down menu on the DANTES Home Page.

FCC exams still available

The National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE) still has vouchers available. DANTES authorizes funding of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) examinations for active duty and Reserve component personnel in related military occupations (i.e. telecommunications, radio broadcast engineer). The examinations are funded at no cost to an eligible

military candidate, and may be taken at a local installation education center.

For procedures, refer to the DANTES Web site at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>. Once on the Home Page, place the cursor on "Certification Programs," then click on "Funded Pilots" to obtain the FCC test instructions and application. If you have questions, e-mail certprog@voled.doded.mil, or call (850) 452-1360 or DSN 922-1360.



SPOUSES TO TEACHERS FROM 1

All spouses will be required to provide a copy of their ID card verifying their sponsor's affiliation with one of the above eligible Service categories.

All eligible spouses who wish to become teachers in the pilot states may receive assistance from the Spouses to Teachers program. This includes spouses who have already earned a baccalaureate degree or higher, as well as spouses who are at the undergraduate level. Degreed spouses will be counseled on their options for achieving certification and information on potential funding sources and employment opportunities. Non-degree holders will receive help in identifying degree completion programs, as well as information about possible financial assistance, both state and federal, and the potential for finding employment as teachers aides or other positions in public schools.

To take advantage of this pilot program, spouses may contact the respective pilot state office.

Resources

Pearson assessments available online

Did you ever wish you could manage your career guidance assessment program online? **Now you can.**

The Pearson Assessments Internet Administrator Center puts you in control of your testing process from start to finish. Counselors:

- distribute vouchers to military personnel to administer the CAI (Career Assessment Inventory) in the enhanced profile report version and the CISS (Campbell Interest and Skills Survey)
- administer inventories online
- convey results quickly and efficiently
- monitor all testing events on a simple status screen

For counselors to request a user name and password for the military personnel they serve, it's as easy as **1-2-3** to activate the Pearson Assessments Internet Administration Center:

1. On the Internet, go to **<http://www.pearsonassessments.com/career/dantes-military.htm>**.
2. Fill out the information form.
3. Click on the submit button.

Your request will be processed within 24 hours during normal working days.

Civilian/Family members can now go straight to the Worldwide Web at **<http://www.pearsonassessments.com/career/dantes-family.htm>** and immediately take either the CISS Instrument or the CAI – Enhanced

version using their credit card.

If there are any questions, please send them to counseling@voled.doded.mil.

Reference publications Web site turns over new leaf

The DANTES Reference Publications Web site has been updated and contains the most current information. This site is an excellent way for education center personnel to see what is available and also an excellent means to access information



online. Information on new items will be posted in the Web site *Hot News* area. Additionally, “Out of Stock” will be placed on items not available.

There are four categories of Reference Publications:

- Financial Aid
- Veterans Affairs
- Reference Publications Restricted
- Reference Publications Unrestricted.

For an overview of all nonrestricted materials available, including a picture of the publication, its intended users, a brief description, the maximum number that can be ordered, and its stock number, go to **http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distribution/refs.htm#ABGS**. All the materials on this site can be ordered free using the **DANTES Material Request Form**.

A key point in ordering publications is to ensure that DANTES has your correct address. Many times an education center will change its title or address and never notify DANTES. Please notify the DANTES Distribution (e-mail dist@voled.doded.mil) of address changes to ensure proper receipt of materials.

This time of year brings the new supply of several of our important reference books. The key update and arrival information will be on the Web site. This information will also appear on the Military Network Counselor (MCNet).

Quarterly reports for DISCOVER due

For Education Centers and Family Support Centers that use the CD-ROM version of the DISCOVER program, quarterly reports from July through September are due by 15 October 2004. Negative reports are required.

You can fax the report to DSN 922-1162 or (850) 452-1162, or mail them to DANTES, Code 10B, 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509-5243.

Profile in Success

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

PROFILE:

Name: Cha-on ('Shawn') P. Gordon

Service Branch:

U.S. Army

Duty Station:

Fort Bragg, NC

Rank/Grade:

First Lieutenant /O-2

Years of Service: 10 years

Hometown: Myrtle Beach, SC

Family Status: Single parent, 4 children

Credits earned through military evaluation: 15 SH

Schools: Central Texas College, Cochise College, Western International University, Touro University International

Degree(s) earned: AA, Liberal Arts, May 2000 (Central Texas College, Cochise College), BS, Information Technology May 2002 (Western International University), presently pursuing MBA (Touro University International)

Source/s of Inspiration:

"My greatest inspiration is my mother, a native of Thailand. She inspires me to keep pushing for success. Not knowing how to read and write in English, she encourages me to reach my educational goals. Before I entered the Army, I could only read and write at a 6-7th grade level. Thanks to the Army's education system and education professionals, I am succeeding."

How did they help you?

(Excerpts) "Throughout my Army career of six duty stations in ten years, someone has always helped push me forward.

After enlisting in 1994, I was as-

signed to the 124th Signal Battalion (Fort Carson, CO/1994-1996). Staff Sergeant Debbie Morton encouraged me to start my educational process as a Private. At that time, I wasn't ready for college; so she referred me to the Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP). While attending two days a



1LT Gordon

week, I was able to build the basic foundation I lacked in high school. I retook my ASVAB and reached my goal of a 110 GT. Thank you, SSG Morton!

Once assigned to Fort Bragg, NC (1997-1998), I continued studies at Central Texas College. In one year I completed six Associate of Arts (AA) courses. I worked for Staff Sergeant John G. Shields who supported my studies.

While assigned at a USA MEDDAC at Fort Huachuca, AZ (1998-2001), I completed my AA and started my Bachelor of Science (BS) in Information Technology. These were challenging years. I had to balance work, school, and being a single parent to my two-year-old daughter. My dear friend, Yelena would take care of my daughter while I attended school at night. I used to

read my textbooks to my daughter as bedtime stories. She loved to hear how to program a computer. I could not have done it without Yelena.

Thank you, Yelena!

While assigned to Fort Jackson, SC (2001-2002), my education advisor at the Education Center, Kay Eubank, gave me the insight to complete my BS and move towards Officer Candidate School (OCS). Thanks to the Fort Jackson Education Center and thank you, Kay!

Prior to graduating from OCS (2003), I enrolled in and completed three graduate courses. I attended Ranger School and was then deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While serving as a Light Engineer Platoon Leader in Northwest Baghdad, I coordinated to resume studies as soon as I returned to Fort Bragg, NC. Since my return in February 2004, I've completed four graduate-level courses and am enrolled in my final three. I'm due to graduate with an MBA this December and will pursue a second in Resource Management."

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For the full profile, visit http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/advisors/sea/index.htm.

Thanks to Ms. Ann Marie Famulari, Fort Bragg Army Education Counselor, and Mr. Vince Harmon, Head, DANTES Education Support Department, for sharing this success story!

Do you have a Success Story?
E-mail ea@voled.doded.mil.

Workshops

ACE workshops: evaluating distance learning courses for college credit recommendations

The American Council on Education (ACE) is holding several 2-day workshops at the National Center for Higher Education, located at One Dupont Circle, Washington, DC. The workshops will foster a collegiate environment in an intimate setting and deliver hard-hitting “take-aways” that you can use to evaluate distance-learning courses. Registration is limited to ensure that attendees can foster meaningful partnerships and relationships with colleagues.

Who should attend?

If you are a corporate trainer, faculty member, curriculum or instructional design specialist, or ACE reviewer, you will benefit from this intensive, 2-day workshop.

- Learn principles and standards used in evaluating quality distance learning courses.
- Participate in hands-on exercises using distance learning evaluation instruments.

Workshop dates

28-29 October 2004

17-18 March 2005

9-10 June 2005

11-12 August 2005

27-28 October 2005

- Establish college credit recommendations based on learning outcomes.
- Increase opportunities to serve as an ACE course reviewer.
- Confer with peers and colleagues about the issues of distance education courses.
- Refresh or familiarize yourself with the rigorous ACE review process.

Session topics include:

- Distance learning approaches: quality and integrity of the review process
- Guiding Principles for Distance Learning in a Learning Society
- Hands-on experience and application of course review procedures
- Best practices for providing distance learning courses
- Appropriate use of technology in distance learning
- Presentations from selected national leaders and authors in the field of distance learning/education

For more information and to register, go to http://www.acenet.edu/cill/corporate/distance_workshops.cfm.

Columbus Day: 2nd Monday in October

While he may not have actually discovered America, Christopher Columbus was a determined sailor who battled great political odds before finally securing the funding necessary to embark on a voyage across the Atlantic. His establishment of new trading routes between Europe and the “New World” accelerated the exchange of ideas between cultures and led to the Spanish colonization of much of the “New World.”



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Certification	1360	1005	certprog@voled.doded.mil
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